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§2–305.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Civil child support warrant” means any of the following, when issued for the enforcement of a child support order:

- (i) an arrest warrant;
- (ii) a bench warrant;
- (iii) a body attachment issued by a circuit court; or
- (iv) a warrant for failure to appear.

(3) “Civil protective order” means:

(i) a temporary ex parte order issued under § 4-505 of the Family Law Article;

(ii) a protective order issued under § 4-506 of the Family Law Article; or

(iii) an order for protection, as defined in § 4-508.1 of the Family Law Article, issued by a court of another state or a Native American tribe and filed with the District Court or a circuit court under § 4-508.1 of the Family Law Article.

(4) “System” means the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System.

(b) The Department shall:

(1) cooperate with local child support enforcement offices and law enforcement agencies to receive, accept, and incorporate civil child support warrants in the System; and

(2) cooperate with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Chief Clerk of the District Court of Maryland, and the clerks of the circuit courts to receive, accept, and incorporate civil protective orders in the System.

(c) (1) Local child support enforcement offices and appropriate local law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for entry, maintenance, and prompt validation of civil child support warrants in the System in accordance with procedures adopted by the Department.

(2) The clerks of the courts and appropriate local law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for entry, maintenance, and prompt validation of civil protective orders in the System in accordance with procedures adopted by the Department.

(d) A judge or law enforcement agency or officer may access the System to determine the status of:

(1) an outstanding civil child support warrant issued by a court of the State;

(2) an outstanding civil protective order issued by a court of the State; and

(3) an outstanding civil protective order issued by a court of another state or an Indian tribe and filed with the District Court or a circuit court.

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